

Hopkinton Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 28, 2014

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

Present: Ed, Shelly, Jim L., Jim M., Jessica, Mark, Jane

(A) New Secretary: Jane was nominated by Shelly. Ed seconded the motion and it was passed.

2. The Minutes from the November 26, 2013 meeting were approved. There was no meeting held in meeting in December.

3. Citizen's Forum

Two high school students attended the meeting, Gabe Nichols and Reuben Meister. Gabe interned with Jessica for experiential credit. He presented an overview of his experience today at the high school to all interns and their mentors.

4. Recreation Department Update:

(A) Jessica presented an overview of programs. From the flyer distributed in December, there are 6 events remaining. They are:

- Black History Month film (discussed later)
- Funnelator Winter Festival (discussed later)
- Photo Camp to be held during February school vacation
- Hopkinton Night at the Monarchs on March 8 at 3:00 pm
- Movie Event, **Frozen**, on March 21
- Trip to Mohegan Sun on March 29
- Other things:
 - Jessica is working with Hannaford's for an afternoon senior program.
 - There will be an archery program for all ages in the Spring
 - Summer staffing and determining who is returning is being reviewed. Right now, it looks like there may be four openings.
 - British Soccer Camp. Jessica is considering moving it from the last week of July to the last week of summer and requested feedback from the committee. It was discussed and recommended that we try it for this summer and see how it goes.
 - The Community Room at the Hopkinton Town Library can only be used for free events. Therefore, another venue must be procured for any program that charges a fee.
 - Two thank you letters were received.
 - a. Operation Christmas. Thanks to the efforts by the recreation committee, this program was able to provide 85 households with food, clothes, gifts, and treats.
 - b. Winner of the Holiday Lights. Thanked us for being chosen and for the gift they received.

(B) Ed presented an update from the Kimball Cabin Committee. First, he acknowledged that it was a great committee with representation of diverse perspectives. People listen, have fun, and work hard. They made a presentation to the selectman on the history of the cabins and the ponds. They have asked for an extension on the due date of their final report. If anyone has any ideas for the property, please let the committee know. They are considering the original purpose of the cabins and the lands as well as other recreational uses for it.

(C) Funnelator Event. The summary of tasks list was reviewed. Updates:

- Jessica needs to locate the tape measure.
- Ed and Jim need to work on the Turkey Bowling set up.
- Gabe and Reuben (high school student attendees) will spread the word among their peers. Also, Gabe will ask if a student from the photography class would like to be the official photographer for the day.
- Advertising. Jessica and Jim are working on a video that can be posted to YouTube. Jessica will attach a link to the e-mail blasts and the town will also put the link on its Facebook page.
- Saturday preparation: Jim needs a few people early afternoon. He will get back to us with a specific time.
- Sunday: All should plan to arrive about noon.

5 Old Business:

- (A) Black History month update. Mark gave an update. The movie 42 will be shown and there will be a concession stand. Jim M. has Jackie Robinson memorabilia and it will be displayed during the event. Mark will give a plug for the diversity fair which will be part of the 250 anniversary celebrations in 2015. Mark also discussed bringing the film **Brother Outsider** to the town as a separate event. This film is about Bayard Rustin who was instrumental in the Civil Rights movement but is not well known for his role. The committee was very interested in this.
- (B) Ice Skating Rink. Jessica reported that many problems were caused by the ice being skated on before it was ready. These have been corrected and the Fire Department will be respraying it when the temperature is appropriate.
- (C) December Holiday Events. Jessica asked for any feedback for improvements so that she can put in the file for next year. The quantity of food was discussed and the sizing of the costumes bought for the students to wear.

6 New Business:

- (A) We need to put the 4th of July event on the February agenda as it is getting time to send letters out to businesses for donations.
- (B) Hopkinton Recreational Guidebook. It was last published in 2010 and the information in it needs updating. Jim and Jessica will review the current edition and make a master draft of a new one and identify changes that are required. After this is accomplished, they will present the Master Draft to the committee and members can volunteer to update the sections that they are interested in. It was agreed that the pictures need to be updated. It was also decided that we would not include for-profit businesses within the update, with the exception of paid advertisements to offset the cost of printing. This will be a standard agenda item as we work through the update.
- (C) Shelly asked what happened regarding the Part Time position. Jessica reported that when discussed at the previous meeting, committee members present were not prepared to support keeping the position at this time but will revisit the topic again in the future.
- (D) It was requested that the committee receive an overview of the recreation budget that will be presented at Town Meeting in order to be prepared for any questions from their fellow citizens. Jessica will do this at the next meeting.

7 Next meeting is scheduled for February 25, 2014 at 6:30 pm at the Slusser Senior Center.

8 The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.